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**Postmortem Examination Review Summary #155**

Horse Information: 2-year-old Quarter Horse.

Incident Summary: This horse collapsed and died after a race. The horse was insured.

Necropsy Summary: A necropsy examination concluded the presumptive cause of death was acute heart failure.

Racing/Training History: This horse ran over 5 races.

Veterinary History Summary: Three days prior to the final race the horse was treated with intravenous fluids with vitamins. Two days prior to the final race the horse was treated with phenylbutazone, Adequan and methocarbamol. The horse had been placed on the CHRB Veterinarian's List three times for intra-articular medication into the carpi and front coffin joints.

Pre-race Examinations: Pre-race examinations had noted thickening of the left front shin, decreased range of motion of both front fetlocks, and effusion and decreased range of motion of the carpi.

Conclusion: This horse died after unsaddling after a race, and the presumptive cause of death was acute heart failure. The track veterinarian noted the horse appeared uncomfortable minutes before the collapse, however, there was nothing specific that indicated a cardiac condition at that time.